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CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Addendum

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions recommended to the Economic and Social Council for adoption

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

1. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its first session, has recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of a number of draft resolutions, as contained in chapter I, section A, of its report (E/1992/30).

2. The present statement deals with draft resolution I on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/152 concerning operational activities and coordination in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and draft resolution III on preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which, if adopted by the Council, would have implications for the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

3. It is recalled that the General Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, adopted resolution 46/152 on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, pursuant to the recommendations of the Ministerial Meeting on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme. In his statement on the programme budget implications of that resolution (A/C.5/46/76), the Secretary-General

indicated that the course of action to be taken by the Secretariat would be the following:

(a) The activities described in the statement of principles and proposed programme of action annexed to the resolution would represent a significant expansion of international cooperation, including its technical cooperation components, in the context of the activities programmed under programme 29 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ A revision of programme 29 would be necessary and would be presented to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(b) The expansion of activities detailed in the programme of action, in particular those in paragraphs 17 to 20 of the statement of principles, would also require revision of the programme and resources proposed under sections 12 and 21 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/ The related specific activities for the biennium 1992-1993 would be developed by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and would be proposed to the General Assembly in the context of revised estimates for approval at its forty-seventh session;

(c) The recommendation made by the Ministerial Meeting for a change in the organizational structure of the Secretariat responsible for the implementation of programme 29 of the medium-term plan, as revised, would also call for additional resources. In this connection, a management review would be undertaken.

4. With respect to paragraph 3 (a) above, the Committee for Programme and Coordination, at the first part of its thirty-second session, has recommended to the General Assembly the approval of the revisions of programme 29, with the modifications as stated in its report (A/47/16 (Part I), para. 70). The revisions of programme 29 included the creation of a new subprogramme on operational activities.

5. Since the programme budget implications of draft resolutions I and III of the Commission are directly related to the course of action to be taken by the Secretariat, as outlined above, it is proposed that the revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session present a comprehensive picture of the overall requirements arising from all the relevant intergovernmental recommendations and the management review yet to be completed. Accordingly, on an exceptional basis, the programme budget implications of draft resolutions I and III of the Commission recommended for adoption by the Council would not be presented at this stage.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6), vol. II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6), vol. I.